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Draft decision on the modalities of attendance of non-governmental organizations at the sessions of the Preparatory Committee

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty decides that the attendance of non-governmental organizations at the sessions of the Preparatory Committee will be open to:

(a) Relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996; the non-governmental organizations should inform the Chair of the Preparatory Committee of their interest in attending;

(b) Other interested non-governmental organizations whose work is relevant to the scope and the purpose of the Conference, provided that requests to do so are submitted to the Chair of the Preparatory Committee and are accompanied by information on the organization's purpose, programmes and activities in areas relevant to the scope of the Conference; the Chair of the Committee will subsequently provide the Committee with a list of those non-governmental organizations for consideration on a no-objection basis;

(c) Non-governmental organizations accredited through the process specified above may attend open meetings of the Preparatory Committee;

(d) Representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations will be allowed to address the Preparatory Committee during one meeting specifically allocated for that purpose; the meetings will not coincide with other meetings of the Committee;

(e) Accredited non-governmental organizations will be provided, upon request, with documents related to the Preparatory Committee and may, at their own expense, provide material to the delegations outside the conference room in the area designated for the meetings of the Preparatory Committee;

(f) Arrangements concerning the accreditation and attendance of non-governmental organizations at the meetings of the Preparatory Committee shall in no way create a precedent for other United Nations conferences.

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